

BUDGET LETTER

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TO: Agency Secretaries
Department Directors
Departmental Budget and Accounting Officers
Department of Finance Budget and Accounting Staff

FROM: DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

The Budget Act of 2015 contains two changes to general statewide sections that may affect many departments. Sections 3.61 and 4.11 have been revised and are summarized below. Departments must read the entire revised sections to ensure full compliance and understanding.

SECTION 3.61—Contribution to Prefund Other Postemployment Benefits

Section 3.61 authorizes the Department of Finance (Finance) to adjust department budgets to facilitate employer payroll contributions for prefunding retiree health care as required by collective bargaining agreements or other law. The procedure for Section 3.61 adjustments will be included in the separate Budget Letter for Item 9800 (Employee Compensation Adjustments).

SECTION 4.11—Position Budget Transparency

Section 4.11 has been amended to provide greater transparency into departmental support budgets; the new language requires Finance to develop a process to reconcile department budgets and accurately display personal service, staff benefits, and operating expenses and equipment expenditures in the Governor's Budget. Instructions related to Section 4.11 will be provided in a forthcoming Budget Letter.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please call your Finance budget analyst.

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